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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	24494	Agenda Number	82.
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Meeting Date:	5/23/2013	Department:	Aviation
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Subject

Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance amending the City Code Title 13 and Title 25 relating to Heli-Facilities. (Suggested date and time: June 20, 2013, 4:00 p.m. at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX).

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

Purchasing
Language:Prior Council
Action:

November 8, 2012 - Council approved Resolution No. 20121108-052 directing the City Manager to work with stakeholders to recommend amendments to City Code Chapter 13-1 and Title 25 relating to permanent and temporary heli-facilities.

For More
Information:

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Boards and
Commission
Action:

April 23, 2013 - Title 25 amendments unanimously approved by the Planning Commission on a 9-0 vote.
May 14, 2013 - Title 13 amendments unanimously approved by the Austin Airport Advisory Commission on a 7-0 vote.

MBE / WBE:

Related Items:

Additional Backup Information

In response to abundant helicopter traffic associated with the Formula One Circuit of the Americas race that occurred in November 2012, and various concerns from neighborhoods and businesses regarding helicopter traffic, City Council issued Resolution No. 20121108-052. This Resolution directed staff to engage stakeholder representatives to develop recommendations for modifications to the City Code Chapters 13-1 *Aviation Services* and 25-2-861 *Zoning* that clarify definitions, code requirements, and enhance criteria, transparency, compatibility and discretion in the authorization process for temporary and permanent heli-facilities.

In order to implement the Council direction, the Aviation Department hired a public policy consultant and the Airport Advisory Commission appointed a "Working Group" to help facilitate three, publicly-posted stakeholder meetings to consider input from various stakeholder groups and individuals. The stakeholder groups consisted of City staff, neighborhood associations, large event producers, property owners, helicopter operators, two members of the Planning Commission, and three members of the Airport Advisory Commission. Additionally, adjacent municipalities (City of Sunset Valley, City of Rollingwood, City of Westlake and Travis County) were updated by individual meetings or emailing the meeting summaries from the stakeholder meetings.

Aviation and Planning and Development Review staff have worked with other departments to incorporate the recommendations from the stakeholders into the proposed City Code changes.